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LIMITED-ACCESS FEATURES OF A STRUCTURE

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**PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED
DOMESTIC PRIORITY CLAIM
(37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3))**

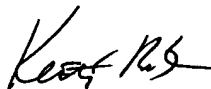
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.78(a)(3), Applicants hereby petition that the above referenced application ("the '890 application") be granted priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/620,464 ("the '464 application") as a continuation-in-part application. The '890 application names Richard H. Bossi, Gary E. Georgeson, and James C. Kennedy as inventors and is assigned to The Boeing Company as recorded January 7, 2004, at Reel 014877, Frame 0354. The '464 application names James C. Kennedy, Christopher L. Mares, and Mark A. Negley as inventors and is assigned to The Boeing Company as recorded July 16, 2003, at Reel 014305, Frame 0963. The '464 application was filed on July 16, 2003 and subsequently issued as U.S. Patent Number 6,722,202 on April 20, 2004. The '890 application was filed on January 7, 2004 and was therefore co-pending with the '464 application from January 7, 2004 until April 20, 2004. The '464 and '890 applications have the inventor James C. Kennedy in common and are assigned to a common assignee.

The final date that a benefit claim to the '464 application under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2) could have been made for the '890 application was November 16, 2004. The entire delay between the date the benefit claim was due under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2) and the date of this benefit claim was unintentional. Applicants hereby petition that the '890 application be granted priority to the '464 application as a continuation-in-part application of the '464 application.

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Respectfully submitted,

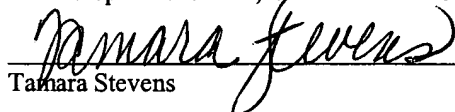


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